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**Rochester Explosion and Fire Unintentional**

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Rochester Fire Chief Scott A. Ashworth said that their joint investigation into Saturday's explosion and fire at the SEMASS trash to energy plant has concluded. Coan said, "The fire was caused by an explosion in one of the shredders." He added, "Investigators have ruled out any intentional act."

Coan said, "Apparently someone inappropriately threw away an item such as a small propane or butane tank. These pressurized cylinders cannot be sent to an incinerator and it usually says so right on the container." He added, "Plant staff has pulled many similar inappropriate items from the trash in the past such as LP-gas grill cylinders, preventing many similar incidents. I would ask citizens across the Commonwealth to dispose of this kind of refuse safely and properly."

The fire was jointly investigated by the Rochester Fire Department and State Police investigators assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

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